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PLEASE PASS DR. MILTON EISENHOWER

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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF DR. MILTON EISENHOWER VISIT TO PRAGUE

1. AUGUST 23 CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION EVENING NEWS BROADCAST
APPROXIMATELY 60 SECOND PORTION OF INTERVIEW OF DR. EISENHOWER
BY LOCAL TELEVISION REPORTER OLDRICH VEJVODA ON EVENING NEWS.
SEGMENT INTRODUCED WITH A SUMMARY OF DR. EISENHOWER'S DISTINGUISHED
CAREER FOLLOWED BY HIS RESPONSES TO THREE QUESTIONS ASKED BY
INTERVIEWER. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS VOICED OVER BY CZECH
TRANSLATION.

2. FIRST TWO QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON EISENHOWER'S IMPRESSIONS
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL HERE AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE
PEOPLE GAINED AS A RESULT OF HIS VISIT. IN RESPONSE, AS TRANSLATED,
DR. EISENHOWER MADE REFERENCE TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PRAGUE'S
REPUTATION AS A GOLDEN CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES, ITS BEAUTY AND ITS
SUCCESSFUL BLENDING OF HISTORIC AND MODERN ARCHITECTURE.
ACCORDING TO THE TRANSLATOR, DR. EISENHOWER SAID THAT HE HAD
BEEN RECEIVED WITH THE UTMOST FRIENDSHIP BY CITY OFFICIALS AND
HAD LEARNED MUCH ABOUT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF PRAGUE FROM
THEM. HE ALSO ADDED THAT IN ALL HIS ENCOUNTERS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKS
DURING HIS VISIT HE HAD FOUND THE PEOPLE WARM AND FRIENDLY.
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3. THE THIRD QUESTION ELICITED DR. EISENHOWER'S OPINION AS TO
WHETHER OR NOT PRESS, TV AND RADIO ARE OBJECTIVE IN THE WAY
THEY PORTRAY CONDITIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. AS TRANSLATED. DR. EISENHOWER RESPONDED
THAT HE DID NOT THINK THEY ARE. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO A GREAT
LACK OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION, A

CIRCUMSTANCE HE CONSIDERS THE GREATEST PROBLEM. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS FOR THIS REASON HE BECAME ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF THE U.N. SCIENTIFIC-EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNDERSTANDING AND RAPPROCHEMENT THAT SHOULD LEAD TO MUTUAL TRUST. THIS IN TURN COULD AND SHOULD LEAD TO DIARMAMENT AND PEACE, A GOAL THAT WOULD BENEFIT ALL MANKING.

4. ON AUGUST 25, THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO CARRIED EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM THE TELEVISION INTERVIEW INCLUDING EISENHOWER'S REFERENCE TO HIS ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF THE U.N. SCIENTIFIC-EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

5. CZECH LANGUAGE DAILY LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE AUGUST 25 CARRIED WHAT APPEARS TO BE A FULL TEXT OF THE INTERVIEW AS TELEVISED, COMPLETE WITH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
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